**DROPLET PRECAUTIONS**

**CONTINUING CARE**

**SINGLE ROOM RECOMMENDED WITH DEDICATED EQUIPMENT**

**EVERYONE MUST:**

- Clean hands when entering and leaving room

**STAFF MUST:**

- Wear procedure mask and eye protection within 2 metres (6 feet) of resident
- Discard mask and eye protection upon leaving room

**VISITORS MUST:**

- Check with nursing staff before entering room
- Wear procedure mask and eye protection within 2 metres (6 feet) of resident
- Discard mask and eye protection upon leaving room

**RESIDENTS:**

- When residents must leave their room:
  - Wear a procedure mask

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USE IN ADDITION TO ROUTINE PRACTICES

Additional Information – Also see Droplet Precautions Information Sheet

- Single room and bathroom recommended whenever possible. If room sharing: ensure separation of at least 2 metres between residents and between beds; dedicate a bathroom or commode for each resident; pull privacy curtains between residents.
- Door may remain open.
- Dedicate equipment to the isolated resident or clean and disinfect shared equipment after use.
- Do not share items (e.g. puzzles, books, electronics) that cannot be cleaned and disinfected.
- Rooms should contain a dedicated linen bag. Do not overfill bags. Double bag only if leaking.
- All high touch surfaces in the resident’s room must be cleaned at least daily with facility approved products and procedures.

Some Organisms Requiring DROPLET Precautions (not all inclusive)

- Invasive Group A Streptococcal respiratory infection (until 24 hours of antibiotic coverage)
- Mumps
- Rubella
- Pertussis/Whooping Cough